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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

11 JANE DOE, an individual,

Case No: BC683411

12 , Plaintiff,

13 | VS.

14 THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY LLC, a  
15 Corp.; THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY  
HOLDINGS LLC, a Corp.; HARVEY  
WEINSTEIN, an individual; and DOES 1  
16 through 25, inclusive.

**DEFENDANT HARVEY WEINSTEIN'S  
ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S UNVERIFIED  
FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT**

Complaint filed: November 14, 2017

17 Defendants.

Defendant Harvey Weinstein ("Defendant") hereby answers the unverified First Amended Complaint ("Complaint") filed by Plaintiff Jane Doe ("Plaintiff") as follows:

## **GENERAL DENIAL**

Pursuant to the provisions of California Code of Civil Procedure section 431.30(d) and (e), Defendant denies, generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in the Complaint. Defendant further denies, generally and specifically, that Plaintiff is entitled to any relief or that Plaintiff has suffered, or will suffer, any loss or damage in the amount alleged, or otherwise, by reason of any act or omission, or any other conduct or absence thereof, on the part of Defendant.



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1                   **AFFIRMATIVE AND OTHER DEFENSES**

2                   Defendant further asserts the following separate and additional defenses:

3                   **FIRST AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

4                   (Failure to State a Cause of Action – As to All Causes of Action)

5                   1. Plaintiff's Complaint and each and every purported cause of action alleged  
6 therein, fails to state any claim against Defendant upon which relief can be granted.

7                   **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

8                   (Statute of Limitations – As to All Causes of Action)

9                   2. Plaintiff's Complaint and each and every purported cause of action alleged  
10 therein, is barred in whole or in part by all applicable statutes of limitations, including but not  
11 limited to California Code of Civil Procedure §§ 335.1, 338, 340 and 343, and California  
12 Government Code §§ 12960 and 12965.

13                   **THIRD AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

14                   (Failure to Mitigate - As to All Causes of Action)

15                   3. Plaintiff has failed to exercise reasonable diligence to mitigate her harm/damages  
16 (if any were in fact suffered, which is expressly denied) and, therefore, is barred from recovering  
17 any damages or any damages awarded should be reduced accordingly.

18                   **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

19                   (Estoppel – As to All Causes of Action)

20                   4. Plaintiff's Complaint and each and every purported cause of action alleged therein  
21 are barred by the doctrine of estoppel.

22                   **FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

23                   (Waiver - As to All Causes of Action)

24                   5. Plaintiff's Complaint and each and every purported cause of action alleged therein  
25 are barred by the doctrine of waiver.

26                   **SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

27                   (Laches - As to All Causes of Action)

28                   6. Plaintiff's Complaint and each and every purported cause of action alleged therein

1 are barred by the doctrine of laches.

2                   **SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

3                   (Unclean Hands - As to All Causes of Action)

4                 7. Plaintiff's Complaint and each and every purported cause of action alleged therein  
5 are barred by the doctrine of unclean hands.

6                   **EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

7                   (Res Judicata and/or Collateral Estoppel - As to All Causes of Action)

8                 8. The Complaint, and each and every purported cause of action alleged therein, are  
9 barred by the doctrine of res judicata and/or collateral estoppel.

10                  **NINETH AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

11                   (Offset - As to All Causes of Action)

12                 9. Defendant is entitled to an offset for any monies received by Plaintiff from any  
13 source in compensation for her alleged economic and non-economic damages under the common  
14 law doctrine of offset and under the doctrine prohibiting double recovery set forth under Witt v.  
15 Jackson, 57 Cal.2d 57 (1961) and its progeny.

16                  **TENTH AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

17                   (Standing)

18                 10. Plaintiff has no standing to bring this action or any action alleged against  
19 Defendant.

20                  **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

21                   (Voluntary Assumption of Risk)

22                 11. Plaintiff voluntarily assumed the risk of any and all conditions and damages she  
23 alleges in the Complaint.

24                  **TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

25                   (Compliance with Law)

26                 12. At all relevant times, the conduct of Defendant alleged in the Complaint  
27 conformed to all applicable statute, government regulations, and industry standards applicable  
28 thereto.

1                   **THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

2                   (Failure to Exhaust Administrative Remedies - As to All Causes of Action)

3         13. Any recover on Plaintiff's Complaint is barred in that this Court lacks jurisdiction  
4 over such claims because Plaintiff has failed to timely and properly exhaust her administrative  
5 remedies prior to commencing this civil action as required by law.

6                   **FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

7                   (After Acquired Evidence - As to All Causes of Action)

8         14. In the event that through the course of discovery or otherwise, Defendant should  
9 obtain after-acquired evidence, any recovery on Plaintiff's Complaint, and each and every  
10 purported claim alleged therein, is barred in whole or in part.

11                  **FIFTEEN AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

12                  (Punitive Damages Bar - As to All Causes of Action)

13         15 Plaintiff's Complaint and each and every purported cause of action alleged  
14 therein, to the extent that it seeks penalties, or punitive or exemplary damages, is barred because  
15 it violates Defendant's rights to due process under the United States Constitution, including  
16 without limitation the Fourteenth Amendment thereto, and the Constitution of the State of  
17 California.

18                  **SIXTEEN AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

19                  (No Basis for Punitive Damages - As to All Causes of Action)

20         16. The Complaint as a whole, and each and every cause of action therein, fails to  
21 allege facts which, if proven, would be sufficient to establish malice, oppression, or fraud on the  
22 part of Defendant as required by Civil Code §§ 3294 and 3295. Moreover, Defendant did not  
23 engage in any conduct with respect to Plaintiff which was malicious, oppressive, or fraudulent  
24 and did not authorize, ratify, condone or adopt any such alleged conduct. Accordingly, Plaintiff  
25 is not entitled to recover punitive or exemplary damages herein from Defendant.

26                  **SEVENTEEN AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

27                  (Comparative Negligence)

28         17. Any damage Plaintiff may have sustained was caused in whole or in part, or was

1 substantially contributed to, by the culpable conduct and want of care on the part of Plaintiff, and  
2 Defendant will seek apportionment of responsibility for all injuries, damages, or loss, if any,  
3 allocable to Plaintiff's comparative negligence and fault.

4 **EIGHTEEN AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

5 (Comparative Fault)

6 18. In the event that Defendant is held responsible for any of the alleged harm  
7 pleaded in the Complaint and any affirmative relief is granted against Defendant, then  
8 Defendant's liability should be proportionate to his contribution to the alleged harm, taking into  
9 account the contribution of Defendant and/or other persons who were responsible for or who  
10 otherwise contributed to the alleged harm.

11 **NINETEEN AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

12 (De Minimis Losses - As to All Causes of Action)

13 19. The Complaint, and each and every purported cause of action alleged therein, are  
14 barred because any losses are de minimus and cannot be recovered.

15 **TWENTY AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

16 (Good Faith)

17 20. Defendant acted reasonably, lawfully, and in good faith with reference to Plaintiff  
18 at all times material herein based on all relevant facts and circumstances known to him, and in  
19 good faith, with the honest, reasonable belief that such actions and conduct were warranted by  
20 the facts and circumstances known to him at the time.

21 **TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

22 (Privilege/Justification)

23 21. Any recovery on the Complaint, or any purported cause of action alleged therein,  
24 is barred because Defendant's conduct was at all times privileged, undertaken in good faith  
25 and/or justified under applicable state and/or federal law, and for legitimate reasons.

26 **TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

27 (Ratification/Consent)

28 22. Plaintiff's Complaint, and each and every cause of action therein, is barred in

1 whole or in part to the extent that any conduct by Defendant was ratified, consented to, and/or  
2 acquiesced in by Plaintiff.

3 **TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

4 (Avoidable Consequences)

5 23. Defendant alleges that each and every purported cause of action set forth in  
6 Plaintiff's Complaint is barred and Plaintiff may not recover damages due to the failure of  
7 Plaintiff to take actions to avoid the injuries and damages, if any, alleged in the Complaint.

8 **TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

9 (Independent, Intervening or Superseding Cause)

10 24. Any injuries or damages alleged by Plaintiff, if any, were the result of  
11 new, independent, intervening, or superseding causes that are unrelated to any conduct of  
12 Defendant. Any action on the part of Defendant was not the proximate, legal, or producing  
13 cause in fact of any alleged injuries or damages Plaintiff claims to have suffered.

14 **TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

15 (No Damages)

16 25. Any recovery on the Complaint, or any cause of action alleged therein, is barred  
17 because Plaintiff cannot establish that she has suffered any damages as a result of any alleged act  
18 or omission of Defendant.

19 **TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

20 (No Causation/Substantial Factor)

21 26. Any recovery on the Complaint, or any cause of action alleged therein, is barred  
22 because Defendant's conduct was not a substantial factor in or was not otherwise the legal cause  
23 or cause in fact of Plaintiff's alleged injuries or damages, if any.

24 **TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

25 (Plaintiff's Active Negligence)

26 27. Plaintiff's claims as alleged in the Complaint are barred because she was actively  
27 negligent with respect to all the acts and omissions alleged in the Complaint.

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1                   **TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE OR OTHER DEFENSE**

2                   (Reservation of Rights -As to All Causes of Action)

3       28.      Defendant presently has insufficient knowledge or information on which to form  
4      a belief as to whether he may have additional, as yet unstated, defenses available.   Defendant  
5      has not knowingly or intentionally waived any applicable defenses not stated here, and reserves  
6      the right to assert additional defenses and to file an Amended Answer to the Complaint, as more  
7      facts or legal theories become applicable by means of subsequent disclosures, discovery,  
8      procedural issues, or modification of existing statutes and defenses.

9                   **PRAYER**

10          WHEREFORE, Defendant prays for judgment from this Court as follows:

- 11       1.      That judgment be entered in favor of Defendant and against Plaintiff on each and  
12      every cause of action;
- 13       2.      That Plaintiff takes nothing by this action;
- 14       3.      That the Complaint be dismissed in its entirety with prejudice;
- 15       4.      That Defendant be awarded his attorneys' fees and costs of suit herein to the  
16      extent permitted under applicable law; and
- 17       5.      For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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DATED: February 27, 2018

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## PROOF OF SERVICE

I declare that I am over the age of eighteen (18) and am not a party to this action. My address is 865 South Figueroa Street, Suite 3338, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

On February 27, 2018, I served the following document(s):

**DEFENDANT HARVEY WEINSTEIN'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT**

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I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

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